REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Sex Behind The Camera
Other Known Title:	Private: When The Porn Stars Play... Sex Behind The Camera
Format:	DVD
Director/Author:	Alessandro Del Mar
Producer/Publisher:	Not Stated
Country of Origin:	Spain
Language:	English
Applicant:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Distributor:	Calvista NZ Ltd
Classification:	The unexcised version of this publication is classified as **Objectionable**. The excised version of this publication is classified as **Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years**.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
Date of entry in Register:	19 June 2006
Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	600737

Unexcised version of publication:

	Component	Running time
Menu:	Play Scenes Extras	
Feature:	Sex Behind The Camera	91.56
Other timed components:	Güfa / Condom Use Notices Cum Clip Judith Fox Lost Aphrodisiac X18+ Notice (x4)	1.36 4.10 0.56 3.00 1.31 0.29
Other components:	Girls Profiles	
Total running time:		103.38

Excisions: Excisions Recommended But Not Made

Reasons for excisions:

One excision is required to the DVD. The excision removes a segment from a sex scene in which two men engage in demanding sexual conduct with a woman, ignoring her tears of discomfort from oral intercourse. The woman also demeans herself through her own servility. The segment is highly dehumanising to the woman, and by association, to women generally.

Summary of reasons for classification:

The DVD entitled *Sex Behind The Camera* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The DVD is an adult sex publication produced primarily for the arousal and entertainment of heterosexual men. The DVD's explicit sex scenes depict conduct that is degrading, dehumanizing and demeaning to the women in the scenes, and by association, this conduct is degrading to women generally. A lengthy segment in one scene depicts two men treating a woman in a very dismissive and demanding manner during oral intercourse and foreplay. The woman also strongly demeans herself as she behaves as if the men's sexual needs are of more importance than her own comfort and dignity. The likelihood of injury is that viewers will adopt or develop similar attitudes and behaviour towards women as those demonstrated in this scene. The Classification Office recommended that the DVD's distributor remove about five minutes from the scene so that the DVD could be classified as R18, restricting it to persons 18 years of age and over. The distributor declined the opportunity to make the excision, so the DVD is objectionable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This decision represents the minimum interference with the freedom of expression consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good. The decision is, therefore, demonstrably justified in any free and democratic society.